

LAOS

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The chancellories of the free world are hoping - that Laos has finally passed out of the military phase, ^{into} ~~entering~~ - the phase of diplomacy and ~~politics~~ politics. This hope, bolstered by - the battle petering out. The Red rebels, calling off their attacks - after repeated appeals by ~~their~~ radios. Tonight, the jungle is peaceful - except for patrol activity along the front.

Not that the end of the shooting - puts an end to the problem of Laos. Western observers are being ~~very~~ cautious - until they see what kind of a government Khrushchev demands. The belief is that the Premier of a coalition regime - will be Prince Souvanna Phouma, ~~the~~ the former Premier who has been - touring the Communist block, Refusing an invitation - to Washington, ^{and} making statements - that sound pro-Communist. Still, Souvanna Phouma terms himself a neutralist - which is why he's in line to head the next government of Laos.

VIET NAM FOLLOW LAOS

At his news conference, Secretary of State Rusk stated flatly - that we're moving to prevent South Viet Nam from becoming another Laos. Stepping up military aid - in the face of increasing Communist activity. Have we given Premier Diem a pledge to intervene with American troops - if the Reds begin a real war? Secretary Rusk refused to answer that question.

CUBA

One of the schools occupied by militiamen in Cuba today - Fidel Castro's alma mater. Delores school in Santiago - which Castro attended back in the forties. Delores, now caught in the net - of Castro's ~~nationalization~~ nationalization. All Cuban private schools - taken over by the Dictator. Starting an exodus of Catholic teachers - from Oriente province into Havana. Leaving Catholics facing the question - "How far will Castro go in his war on the Catholic church?"

REFUGEES

The twelve refugees from Cuba who were taken ashore today, at New Orleans - are delirious, ~~They're~~ ^{but} lucky - to be alive. Three of their companions died - en route to freedom.

The fifteen, setting sail from Cuba - in a twenty-five foot sailboat, ~~They~~ soon found - the wind against them. And they had no one aboard expert enough - to handle the sails. Anyway, their voyage lasted - two weeks. By which time - they had run out of food and water. When ~~they were~~ found - they were actually farther from the American mainland than when they started from Cuba.

Their boat, noticed by an American freighter - a hundred and seventy-eight miles off Louisiana. In the boat - three dead. ~~And~~ ^{The} twelve survivors - suffering from shock, exposure, sunburn, and hunger. Also - delirious. But the medicos say - they'll pull through. I guess they'll be glad to know - that getting away from Castro's Communist police state wasn't any mirage.

EISENHOWER

A great American general mentions - a great British battle. Dwight Eisenhower, referring to - Gallipoli. The famous plan drawn up by Winston Churchill - to break through the Dardanelles in World War One. A good plan - that wasn't carried out properly.

Today Mr. Eisenhower was discussing - what went wrong in the Cuban invasion. Confining himself - to one point. The rebels put all their communications equipment in one old Liberty ship - that was sunk by Castro's shore batteries. General Eisenhower points out ^{how} the same mistake was made at Gallipoli. The British, concentrating their communications in one ship - losing it all to Turkish guns. Said General Ike today - "We learned not to do that again after Gallipoli." Unfortunately, whoever planned the anti-Castro operation - forgot Gallipoli.

BALLOON

A radio message covering twenty-one miles -
may not seem like much of a feat. But ^{then} ~~the~~ radio ~~is~~
twenty-one miles ^{above the Earth should be} ~~up - well, its~~ worth listening to.

The Occasion - a balloon flight beginning on the deck
of an aircraft carrier. Commanders Malcom Ross and
Victor Prather - taking off from the "Antietam."
Soaring up twenty-one miles - then radioing back to their
ship. Their message - "It's wonderful, come on up!" The
two ^{navy} ~~men~~ men, setting a new altitude record - and
~~xxx~~ reluctant to return to earth.

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225,000 ft.
Approx 110,000 ft.

ASTRONAUT

The key man at Cape Canaveral again tonight - is the weatherman. Will he or won't he - let the astronaut take off? At the moment the answer seems to be - "Yes." The weather report for tomorrow - clear skies and little wind. Just what the missilmen ordered

So - another countdown for astronaut Alan Shepard; who is described as - "In superb condition." No ill effects - because of the delay. His Redstone Rocket - ready too. All up to the weather.

As for the tentative timetable; astronaut Shepard is due to blast off at eight A.M. - Eastern Daylight time. He'll hit a speed - of forty-five hundred miles an hour. Zooming up up a hundred-and-fifteen miles; and down the Atlantic range - for two-hundred and ninety miles, where his capsule will be ejected - and picked up from the Atlantic by helicopter. First stop after that a hospital in the Bahamas.

RETAKE

If all goes well - Astronaut Shepard will be back in Washington forty-eight hours after setting out. At a big press conference; of course; and receiving personal congratulations from the President of the United States.

NEW GUINEA

A dispatch from Jakarta, Indonesia, points up some problems - of New Guinea. The connection, of course - is the Indonesian claim to the Dutch half of the big island off the northern coast of Australia.

The problem is - what President Sukarno could do with Dutch New Guinea, if he got it. The Hague, with the resources of a European power - has had trouble civilizing it's colony. New Guinea still has -

headhunters and cannibals. *A lot* ~~much~~ of it is - tropical
Most of it wild lofty mountains. The only road
swampland. ~~Decent roads - few, and mainly~~ along the
coast. Villages of the interior - small and primitive.
Inhabited by Stone Age man,

So, a switch from Dutch to Indonesian rule - could be catastrophic. After all, Indonesia needs aid from abroad - and wouldn't have much left over to put into New Guinea. *TP They are not near neighbors.*

~~Don't forget~~ - Jakarta is two thousand miles from Hollandia. So the Indonesians would have trouble enough just getting there. Which the Dutch are vowing to prevent.

BOURGUIBA

On Capitol Hill, one Senator remarked - "It was an encouraging address." The reference - to what the President of Tunisia said before a joint session of Congress. Habib Bourguiba, discussing America's anti-colonial policy - and assuring our law makers that this policy has ~~strength~~ strengthened American prestige in Africa. Bourguiba[^] remarks, encouraging - because he's regarded as - one of the ~~most~~ perceptive statesmen in the world. He was right about what was going to happen - in places like Algeria and the Congo. ^{Quick} So, it's nice to know that Tunisia's Bourguiba thinks ~~were~~^{are} on the right track - in Africa.

RHODE ISLAND

~~US~~ In Rhode Island ~~that~~ they're celebrating - the Day of the Republic. In case you didn't know it, our smallest state was the first republic - in the new world. Two months before the Declaration of Independence, Rhode Island decided - to leave the British Empire. Become - an independent political power. Later joined in it's rebellion - by the rest of the ~~the~~ thirteen colonies. ^{ies,} Republican Rhode Island - a hundred-and-eighty-five years old today.